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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance issued April 22, 2005, Applicant offers the following comments

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, and 15 have been allowed in connection with the present application. The Examiner, in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance, indicates that:

[T]he prior art of record fails to specifically or fairly suggest speakers/loudspeakers in a particular position in a particular vicinity outputting a signal based on a crosstalk component between an opposing speaker/loudspeaker unit in the same vicinity for a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> ear, respectively, in each 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vicinity, therein as claimed.

Initially, while Applicant agrees that each of the pending claims defined over the prior art of record, Applicants wish to emphasize that it is each claim, taken as a whole, which defines the claimed invention. Furthermore, the Examiner's statement apparently


paraphrases certain limitations of independent claim 1. In view of the different language recited in claim 1, Applicant submits that the Examiner's statement should not in any way unduly limit the scope of the claim 1. Instead, each claim should be interpreted only according to the actual language contained therein.

**Conclusion**

If the Examiner has any questions or needs to discuss any matters dealing with this application, he is requested to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

Respectfully submitted,

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